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OME Visit

By: Judith Littleton

The Office of Migrant Education (OME) visited and monitored the Kentucky Migrant Education Program (KYMEDP) the week of June 17-21. The visit allowed KYMEDP to showcase some exceptional initiatives and to gather information for program improvement.

The team from OME included Celeste Rodriguez-Jensen and Sarah Martinez. Both stated they had never been to Kentucky before, either as a representative of OME or as a tourist. They commented on how green and lush everything was.

The visit included not only spending time with staff in Frankfort but visiting two local district summer programs. On Wednesday, June 19, the team visited staff with the Fayette County migrant program. Special thanks go to Fayette County staff including Michael Dailey, Richard Sanchez and Wanda Snowden. The team met with secondary students at Lafayette High School and elementary students at Cardinal Valley

Elementary School.

On Thursday, June 20, the team visited the staff from Bourbon County's migrant program. Special thanks go to Lynne Switzer, Teresa Blevins, Sara Young and Dinorah Souleyrette, the Bourbon County migrant education staff. The team also spent time with students attending North Middletown Elementary School's summer program.

Special thanks also go to Bill Thompson and Michael Hay who were able to visit with the OME team.

The OME team noted several noteworthy items in the exit conference. These include observing that KYMEDP is student-centered. They also noted the support structure within the state provided to local districts, including support from the regional centers. They also commented on how resources are maximized and coordinated to provide services.

We expect the report back in about 60 days. Our goal is to share the findings and recommendations with all of Kentucky's migrant staff at the Fall Academy.

MeeGenius! Ebooks for Kids

If you are looking for a great app to help students continue to read, then you should check out [MeeGenius!](#) e-books for kids. MeeGenius! launched in April 2010 by Wandy Yeap Hoh and David Park after 16 months of research and development.

This app offers books for children up to 8 years old. Each book provides a few pages for the reader to preview to see if they are interested in the story before purchasing the entire book. The books also use word highlighting and audio playback for easy read along. Six books are free to get your library collection started.

These books are great for children's reading-comprehension skills. There are a variety of different genres including animals, fables, fairy tales, spring, best sellers, social studies, alphabet, diversity, manners, family, humor, character development and counting. This app has been featured in *Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *People*, *Wired* and *Bloomberg*.

This app can be uploaded on iPads, iPhones and Androids. This would definitely be a great app to check out.



Migrants in the NEWS!



Rosa Blanca Delgando Torress is a Robertson County graduate. She came to the United States as a freshman at Deming High School. She was the oldest of four children and had to learn not only to be in a different environment, but also a new language! Rosa also had to help her family with working.

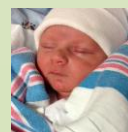
Migrant Advocate Laura Puente was very proud to share an article about Rosa from the *Maysville Ledger* stating the scholarships this young lady was awarded. Among those scholarships are \$500 from Harvest of Hope; \$3,000 Nelson and Pauline Hester Community Enrichment Scholarship; \$1,000 Kentucky Blood Center Scholarship; \$6,000 Hazel Dryden Memorial Scholarship; and the Robertson County Homemaker Scholarship. Rosa will continue her education at Maysville Community College in the fall of 2013.

Congratulations!

- ID&R Coordinator Christina Benassi had her second son, Lukas Cameron Benassi, at 1:39 p.m. June 11. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.



- Jackie Roth, northeastern regional assistant coordinator, is a grandmother again. Tucker Gene Edwards was born at 3:10 a.m. June 24. He was 5 pounds, 15 ounces and 18 inches long.



- Southeastern Regional Recruiter Thomas Hatton had a baby girl, Alicia Alma Hatton, at 7:07 p.m. July 8.

Adair County Summer Program

By: Shamarie Claiborne

The Adair County Migrant Education Program has had a busy June, as summer school kicked off with learning, laughter and fun. Our academic curriculum was based on each child's needs, using state and school assessments available to our staff. We were able to focus the students by creating individualized learning plans and technology-based assignments – thanks to our iPads! Our older students each received an iPad to work with over the summer. We hope post-scores will reflect the children's hard work.

Sprinkled into the daily rigorous academic curriculum were fun enrichment activities provided by numerous local agencies.

One of those agencies, the Columbia Police Department, presented its DARE program and worked to build bridges between officers and the migrant children during the week. They provided two different programs during their visit: one for younger students about drugs and

alcohol, while the older students participated in the Violence Awareness Program.

Next, our local extension office enhanced the student's curriculum by creating bean art. They discussed the positive benefits of eating healthy while creating their projects. To the delight of our parents, the children were able to take their masterpieces home.

On our last day, we worked with Lindsay Wilson College to provide enrichment and healthy activities to our children. During the morning hours our older Latino population participated in numerous educational seminars and activities provided by the Lindsey Wilson Latino Outreach Program. Meanwhile, our younger students participated in wellness activities. The children regrouped during the afternoon and enjoyed swimming, which was wonderful exercise (But shhhh ... don't tell them!).

Students who attended the first week of summer school and completed 40 hours of home activities were invited to go on the first of two great field trips of the summer. The children and numerous parents spent the day in Versailles and Lexington. Our first stop was at the Bluegrass Railroad Museum, where we enjoyed an hour-and-half train ride on an authentic early 1900s New York City commuter train. To the children's delight, the next stop was GattiTown in Lexington, where all enjoyed tons of great food and rides. Closing the day, we went bowling, which was the funniest part of the entire trip. Fun and laughter was the theme of the day!

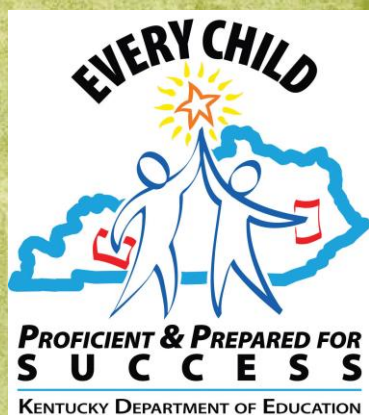
We start our last week of summer school soon and we can only say that we hope it is as engaging, fun and exciting as the first week.



Important Dates

September 17-20 – KYMEP Fall Academy in Bowling Green

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